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In re Application of:

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Title: LIQUID-CRYSTAL MEDIUM, AND ELECTRO-OPTICAL DISPLAY  
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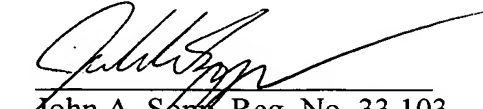
This Reply is made in response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2004.

The sole outstanding rejection is the rejection for obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,764,722. In response thereto, applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer directed to this patent. The terminal disclaimer overcomes this sole remaining ground of rejection.

It is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any unresolved matters.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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